

SEEKING GOD'S WAYS

As we seek God's way,
we move from fear
that there is not enough
to freedom in living
within God's abundance





Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered – Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

*Gathering and Praising

Let Us Build a House VT #36

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross VT #323

Scripture Reading

Psalm 126, Pew Bible p. 329

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Special Music

The Sunken Cathedral by Claude Debussy

Lenten Prayer of Confession

Scripture Reading

John 12: 1-8 Pew Bible p. 568

Message

"From Scarcity to Abundance"

Offering Prayer

Responding and Sending

Beyond a Dying Sun VT #416

**This Is a Day of New Beginnings* HWB #640

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

Call to Worship:

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: who makes a way in the sea and
provides rivers in the desert.**

Leader: God fills our lives with love
and beauty as sweet fragrance fills the air.

People: We live within the abundance of God,

Leader: so let us laugh and shout for joy

All: as we worship God together

Lenten Prayer of Confession:

(adapted from Isaiah 55)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not
your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us if we have believed the myth of scarcity.
Help us live into your abundance.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us
see your way more clearly.

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

TODAY April 3, 9:45 am Fifth Sunday of Lent

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Worship Leader: Jaden Thomas

Song Leader: Marj Hofer

Children's Time: Pastor Randall

Puppeteers: Cole Hofer & Jaden Thomas

Puppets: Lucia & Penny

Special Music: performed by Marcus Klassen

arranged by Les and Mary Rensink

Message: Pastor Randall

Coffee Time: Brandon and Kylea Waltner

Children's Sunday School following the service

Adult Sunday School following coffee time

NEXT SUNDAY April 10, 9:45 am Palm Sunday

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Worship Leader: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Special Music: Sunday School Dept.

Children's Time: Cole Hofer, Jaden Thomas, & Pastor Randall

Message: Pastor Randall

Coffee Time: Larry and Edie Tschetter

Children's Sunday School following the service

Adult Sunday School following coffee time

Congregational Ministries Project for April: cash for MCC Relief Sale expenses in preparing Kitchen Time Saver meals for the auction.

Calendar

April 20: 4 pm - HMC work night

April 6: 7 pm - MCUSA delegate assembly congregational meeting

April 10-13: 7 pm - Holy Week Services at Salem Mennonite Church

April 14: 7 pm - HMC Maundy Thursday Service:

April 20: 8 pm - HMC Board meeting

May 27-30: MC USA Special Delegate Assembly In Kansas City

May 30 - June 3rd: 9:00-12:00 pm. - VBS at Hutterthal

HMC Preparations for MCUSA Special Delegate Assembly:

On Wednesday, April 6, at 7 pm in the HMC fellowship hall, our congregation will have another meeting, a time of discussion and sharing, in which all who attend will have the chance to share their thoughts, concerns, and opinions about the resolutions. The comments offered will give the church board and the two delegates going to Kansas City a better sense of where our church is with the resolutions. If you are interested in reading or reviewing the resolutions, you can view them at

<http://www.centralplainsmc.org/mc-usa-delegate-resources.html>

If you are interested in serving as a delegate at the special delegate assembly on May 27-30, please contact Todd Koerner.

Central Plains Mennonite Conference is hosting a webinar on the Special Delegate Assembly with Glen Guyton, Executive Director of MCUSA, on April 7 at 7:00 p.m. While all conference leaders and MCUSA delegates are encouraged to register, registration is open to anyone who would like to attend the webinar. Please follow this link to register for the webinar on April 7:

<http://www.centralplainsmc.org/glen-guyton-webinar.html>.

Et Cetera Shoppe Board of Directors Looking for Volunteers

Et Cetera Shoppe's volunteer Board of Directors helps to oversee everything going on at the shop, and we couldn't do it without them! Our current board consists of Brent Brockmueller, Gloria Dowden, Dolores Hernandez, Bekka Kramer, Paul Ortman, Shirley Ries, Jenny Tschetter, Carolyn Waltner, **and Nancy Miller (who was inadvertently omitted from this list in last week's bulletin!)** Chris Eisenbeis serves as our financial manager. If you're a volunteer OR a frequent customer, you probably have the insight needed to be a great Et Cetera Shoppe board member. Interested in helping the store in this way? Let Kris Carlson or Anita Eisenbeis know at 925-7098!

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Keep the family of Sarah Stahl in your prayers. Sarah's funeral was held Sat. April 2 at HMC. May they find comfort in all the memories and in God's love.
- Give us grace as we approach You that we might be uplifted by your presence. Just as Mary was reassured by the words of Jesus as she anointed his feet with oil, so we find comfort in your constant presence in your creation that surrounds us. Your love for us is like a sweet perfume that is always there for us, filling our lives and sustaining us in our times of trouble.
- Pray in joy and sorrow. Take turns sharing something good that happened this week and something that made you sad. Bring your joys and sorrows to God in prayer.
- Pray for Central Plains congregations that are in the midst of pastoral searches. Pray for search committees and for candidates looking for churches that God may guide the search process and that people discern God's leading in their midst.

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